



# Transition Area Section

## *Definitions*

To fully understand the concept of the Transition Area, several terms must be defined; these terms appear below.

### **Artificial dispersal**

Artificial dispersal is dispersal by other than natural means; that is, artificial dispersal is dispersal through human activity such as the movement of infested commercial products, infested vehicles, and infested outdoor household articles.

### **Generally Infested Area**

A generally infested area is an area where gypsy moth is established, that is, maintaining a reproducing population. In theory, all generally infested areas should be in the Regulated Area; however, due to various causes, such as processing delays and political challenges, the generally infested areas may not be in the Regulated Areas.

### **Natural dispersal**

Natural dispersal is dispersal that occurs through natural means, such as the windblown movement of the first-instar larvae; natural dispersal is dispersal without the influence of human activity.

### **Non-infested Area**

A non-infested area is an area outside of the generally infested area and beyond the Transition Area; the non-infested area is the area where the gypsy moth is not established.

### **Regulated Area**

A Regulated Area is an area under quarantine because plants, plant products, and other articles are likely to be infested. The movement of these possibly infested articles is regulated to prevent the spread of, in this case, gypsy moth.

### **Regulated Article(s)**

A Regulated Article is any conveyance, container, or any other object or material capable of harboring or spreading plant pests.

For the gypsy moth, Regulated Articles include the following: nursery stock; logs, pulpwood, and woodchips; Outdoor Household Articles (OHAs); mobile homes; and any other products, articles, or vehicles that present a high risk of artificial dispersal.

### **Transition Area**

The Transition Area is the area beyond the border of the generally infested area (the Regulated Area) into which the gypsy moth will spread by natural dispersal.

